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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1 and 5-11. This response is timely filed.

The present response complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1) and (2) in either eliminating issues for appeal or in placing issues in better form for appeal. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the Examiner exercise discretion in favor of entering the present amendment.

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